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CASE KUWAIT UH-I, HELICOPTER

REF: ACNO 092358Z AUG 73

1. (C) DETERMINATIONS ON ALL KUWAIT SALES CASES APPEAR HELD UP UNTIL AFTER DECISION ON MISSILES AND ACFT. ACCORDINGLY HAVE BEEN UNABLE GET A DECISION ON YOUR OFFER IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, KEY KUWAITI OFFICER (LT COL SAYEGH) SAYS THAT HE BELIEVES THERE IS NO INTEREST IN BUYING THE -IN.

2. (C) KUWAITI EXPERIENCE WITH THE UH-IE PRODUCED BY AUGUST BELL (ITALY) HAS NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY. EVEN THOUGH KUWAITI'S UNDERSTAND THE -IN INVOLVES U.S. BELL, THE TARNISHED IMAGE IS STILL THERE. ADDITIONALLY, FRENCH PUMA HAS APPARENTLY MADE A VERY EFFECTIVE

SALES PITCH, INCLUDING SINGLE ENGINE DEMO WITH 22 PERSONS ABOARD. KUWAITIS ARE IMPRESSED WITH THIS. DOUBTLESS THE KUWAITIS WANT TO BUY SOMETHING FROM THE FRENCH. THE PUMA IS A LEADING CANDIDATE.
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3. (U) SUGGEST WE ALLOW SPECIAL TREATMENT ASPECTS OF CASE TO
EXPIRE. IF THERE IS ANY REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN THE -IN, WE WILL
ADVISE.
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